

EXHIBIT A



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING DATE	GRP ART UNIT	FIL FEE REC'D	ATTY. DOCKET NO	DRAWINGS	TOT CLAIMS	IND CLAIMS
09/722,205	11/25/2000	3738	1536	TB-1041B	22	32	9

CONFIRMATION NO. 3721

UPDATED FILING RECEIPT



OC00000006813994

Gerard H. Bencen
Bencen & Van Dyke, P.A.
1630 Hillcrest Street
Orlando, FL 32803

Date Mailed: 09/28/2001

Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Jamie M. Grooms, Gainesville, FL;
Kevin C. Carter, Gainesville, FL;
Tom Sander, Alachua, FL;
David H. Dulebohn, Naples, FL;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

Foreign Applications

THIS APPLICATION IS A CONT OF 09/701,973 08/20/01
WHICH IS A 371 OF PCT/US98/17769 08/27/98
WHICH IS A CIP OF 08/920,630 08/27/97 ABN

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted 03/27/2001

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable, filed prior to November 29,2000

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

-- Intervertebral Spacers --
[Cortical bone cervical smith-robinson fusion implant]

Preliminary Class

623

CTS
Date received 10/2/01
Docketed 10/4/01 By MK
Timely response due _____
Last date to file response _____

